उत्तराखण्ड के लिए रैली

3350. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 23 नवम्बर, 1987 को पृथक उत्तराखंड की मांग को लेकर दिल्ली में कोई रैली आयोजित की गयी थी और इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार को एक मांग पत्र दिया गया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मांगें क्या-क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने इस आशय के समाचार देखें हैं । उत्तराखंड क्रांति दल से एक ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है जिसमें एक अलग उत्तराखंड राज्य बनानें की मांग की गई है । भारत सरकार का विचार है कि किसी राज्य अथवा क्षेत्र विशेष के क्षेत्रीय असन्तुलनों को योजना-बद्ध तरीके से दूर किया जाना चाहिये और अलग राज्य बनाने से समस्या का समाधान नहीं हो सकता ।

Arrest of a senior officer for spying activities

3351. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS' be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior responsible officer has been arrested for spying activities;

(lb) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Legal and deterrent action was taken against the officer concerned. It is not considered in the public interest **to** disclose further details.

(c)' Constant vigilance is being maintained by the concerned security agencies to detect, unearth and neutralise any attempt at espionage by any individual or organisation.

Housing Loan for Bank employees

3352. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the housing loan limit of workmen and award staff in the banking industry has been increased to Rs. 1.10 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the housing loan limit of the Central Government employeeg was also increased as per the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the housing loan limit of the bank officers has not been increased; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the limit is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Rs. 1.10 lakhs for award staff and Rs. 75,000 for sub-staff.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. It remains at Rs. 1.25 lakhs.

(d) The matter is receiving requisite attention. However, no final decision has been taken as yet.

Trade at Kandla free trade zone

3353. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) what was the quantum, with value of export-import trade undertaken through the Kandla Free Trade Zone during the last three years;

(b) what are the names of the countries from which goods were imported for this Zone alongwith the